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SUBJECT: MICA

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1. PRESIDENT JAMES MARSHALL OF US MICA INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION (MIA) INFORMED DEPTOFF MARCH 2 HE HAS RECEIVED COPY OF RESOLUTION PASSED FEBRUARY 24, 1976 BY BIHAR MICA EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION PROTESTING AGAINST MITCO'S POLICIES, ESPECIALLY 60-40 ORDER SHARING REQUIREMENT. BIHAR ASSOCIATION SENT ITS RESOLUTION TO PRIME MINISTER GANDHI AND TO INDIAN PRESS. MARSHALL IS SENDING COPIES OF RESOLUTION TO DEPARTMENT AND TO EMBASSY NEW DELHI.

2. RESOLUTION NOTES REDUCTION IN EXPORT ORDERS FOR INDIAN MICA DUE TO MITCO'S CHANNELIZATION POLICIES, AND CLAIMS THAT MITCO POLICIES ARE "SUFFOCATING" PRIVATELY-OWNED INDIAN MICA INDUSTRY. IT REQUESTS IMMEDIATE REMEDIAL ACTION BY GOI, NOTING RESOLUTION PASSED FEBRUARY 14, 1976
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BY KODARMA MICA MINING ASSOCIATION THREATENING TO CLOSE

MICA MINES IN SIXTY DAYS IF FAVORABLE GOI ACTION NOT FORTHCOMING. BIHAR ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION STATES ITS MEMBERS WILL HAVE TO FOLLOW SUIT AND SUSPEND OPERATIONS IF GOI DOES NOT ACT ON ITS REQUEST. IT APPEARS THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF GOI MICA ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTED REFTEL MAY BE IN RESPONSE TO KODARMA RESOLUTION, AND THAT BIHAR RESOLUTION AIMED AT SUPPORTING PRIVATE SECTOR IN NEW COMMITTEE.

3. MARSHALL ALSO SAID HE HAD HEARD RUMORS THAT MITCO MIGHT BE PLANNING TO NATIONALIZE PRIVATELY-OWNED MICA INDUSTRY, POSSIBLY IN RESPONSE TO KODARMA ASSOCIATION THREAT TO CLOSE MINES.

4. TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 1 MIA MEETING WAS NOT HELD, DUE TO ABSENCE OF MARSHALL ON OVERSEAS BUSINESS TRIP. AFTER HIS RETURN, MARSHALL INFORMED DEPTOFF THAT UNRESPONSIVE TONE OF JAIN'S JANUARY 15, 1976 LETTER (COPY OF WHICH WAS POUCHED DEPARTMENT BY EMBASSY) LEFT MIA LITTLE TO DISCUSS. INSTEAD OF HOLDING MEETING, MARSHALL CANVASSED MIA MEMBERSHIP BY TELEPHONE AND HAS REPLIED TO POINTS RAISED IN JAIN'S LETTER, REQUESTING JAIN'S COMMENTS BY MARCH 20. IN HIS LETTER OF MARCH 1 (COPIES OF WHICH BEING SENT TO DEPARTMENT AND TO EMBASSY NEW DELHI) MARSHALL INFORMING JAIN THAT UNLESS ISSUES STILL IN DISPUTE ARE RESOLVED, MIA WILL HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO REQUEST GSA TO MAKE ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES OF SURPLUS MICA AVAILABLE TO US BUYERS.

5. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ASSESS LIKELY IMPACT OF KODARMA AND BIHAR ASSOCIATION RESOLUTIONS. DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS EMBASSY MIGHT HAVE CONCERNING RUMORS OF POSSIBLE NATIONALIZATION OF PRIVATELY-OWNED MICA INDUSTRY. INGERSOLL

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